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FOLLOWING IS PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY SWAPO IN NEW YORK
ON THE MORNING OF MAY 8:

BEGIN TEXT:
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IN THE FACE OF THE GRAVE SITUATION CREATED BY THE
CURRENT AIR AND GROUND MILITARY INVASION OF AND NEW
THREATS AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA BY
THE FASCIST TROOPS OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA BASED AT
ILLEGAL BASES AT GROOTFONTEIN, OSHIVELO, WALVIS BAY AND
OTHER PARTS OF NAMIBIA, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SWAPO

HAS DECIDED TO URGENTLY RECALL SWAPO'S NEGOTIATING DELEGATION WHICH WAS TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL, STARTING ON MAY 8, 1978, IN NEW YORK.

AS A RESULT OF THIS INVASION BY SEVERAL SOUTH AFRICAN BATTALIONS, HUNDREDS OF NAMIBIAN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED AND VALUABLE PROPERTY DESTROYED AT OUR REFUGEE SETTLEMENT AT KASSINGA IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA.

THIS BARBARIC ARMED ATTACK ON THE NAMIBIAN CIVILIAN POPULATION AT KASSINGA, IS BUT THE LATEST MANIFESTATION OF A CONCENTRATED STREAM OF MEASURES OF REPRESSION AND VICTIMISATION AGAINST SWAPO MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS.

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28TH 1978, RACIST SOUTH AFRICA UNLEASHED A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AND OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT NAMIBIA RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF MORE THAN 40 SWAPO MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS. ON THE 18TH APRIL, SOUTH AFRICA'S COLONIAL ADMINISTRATOR IN NAMIBIA ISSUED THE SO-CALLED AG 26 EMERGENCY REGULATION AIMED AT THE LIQUIDATION OF SWAPO AND THEREBY PAVING THE WAY FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A TURNHALLE NEO-COLONIAL PUPPET REGIME IN NAMIBIA.

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ON THE BASIS OF THESE REPRESSIVE MEASURES, THE ENTIRE LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVISTS OF SWAPO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

IN PURSUIT OF THIS LIQUIDATIONIST CAMPAIGN, RACIST SOUTH AFRICA DECIDED TO SEND ITS TROOPS INTO ANGOLA TO MASSACRE HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN, MEN AND WOMEN IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE WILL OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM COLONIAL OPPRESSION AND RACIST DOMINATION.

WHILE CARRYING OUT ITS WANTON ACTS OF REPRESSION AGAINST SWAPO AND TRUE NAMIBIAN PATRIOTS, RACIST SOUTH AFRICA IS ENGAGED IN DECEPTIVE MANOEUVRES TO FOOL THE WORLD THAT SHE IS READY TO ACCEPT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE WORLD ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S READINESS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MUST NOW EXPLAIN TO THE WORLD WITH EQUAL VIGOR THE AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE AND RUTHLESS ACTIONS OF THE VORSTER REGIME.

SADLY, TOO, THERE ARE ATTEMPTS FROM SOME IMPERIALIST QUARTERS TO ATTENUATE THE UGLINESS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S REACTIONARY VIOLENCE AGAINST THE OPPRESSED NAMIBIAN PEOPLE BY EQUATING THIS REACTIONARY VIOLENCE WITH OUR PEOPLE'S JUST AND LEGITIMATE FIGHT AGAINST COLONIAL AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION.

THE CONCERTED ACTS OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY REPRESSION AGAINST SWAPO COUPLED WITH DIPLOMATIC BLACKMAIL AND PRESSURES BY SOUTH AFRICA'S FRIENDS CONFIRM OUR SUSPICION THAT THERE ARE INTRIGUES AIMED AT PREVENTING NAMIBIA FROM ACHIEVING GENUINE INDEPENDENCE FOR WHICH THE NAMIBIAN MASSES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO, ARE MAKING SUPREME SACRIFICES. ALL THESE SINISTER DEVELOP-

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MENTS MAKE THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN
NAMIBIA INCREASINGLY BLEAK.

THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, SUPPORTED BY DEMOCRATIC AND
PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND THE MAJORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, AS RECENTLY REAFFIRMED BY THE 9TH SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
WILL NEVER SUCCUMB TO INTIMIDATION AND PRESSURES.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY
LIBERATION STRUGGLE WHATEVER THE SACRIFICES. END TEXT.
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